FISCAL NOTE HB 374 - SB 595

March 10, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires LEAs to implement sexual violence awareness and prevention education for high school students. Such program shall be a component of the Lifetime Wellness curriculum offered by the LEA. The Department of Education shall provide technical support and assistance to the LEAs, upon request, which may include workshops, selection of material, training for sexual violence awareness and prevention instructors, monitoring and evaluation of such programs, or other similar services to assist the LEA. The locally devised and adopted sexual violence awareness and prevention program shall be implemented during the fall semester of 2007. Failure to develop and implement a program by this time shall subject the LEA to a withholding of state funds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures: \$30,000 One-Time

\$59,300 Recurring

Assumptions:

- The bill would create new responsibilities resulting in the need for an Education Consultant II position in the Department of Education at a cost of approximately \$59,300 including salary and benefits. This staff person would assist in the coordination of the development and implementation of such programs by the LEAs.
- The state would need to develop a program for those systems that choose not to develop their own (contractual services \$30,000).
- Providing technical assistance to districts across the state, including the local auditing of programs by the state, would result in increased expenditures outside of the department's allocated budget.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director